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Please replace the partial paragraph beginning on page 5 line 5 with the following new partial paragraph:

With reference now to the drawings, and focusing attention first of all on Fig.1, here there is shown generally illustrates at 10 a packet-based wireless communication network environment, or system, which operates in accordance with the present invention. For illustration purposes only herein, network 10 takes the form of a prioritized-access (to available bandwidth) Local Area Network (LAN), but it should be understood that the invention may be employed in a wide variety of other specific forms of communication networks. Included in environment 10 is the LAN network portion *per se* 12 which substantially inter-connects all inter-connected and involved users, and a single BSS group 14 of plural stations, such as stations 14a, 14b, 14c, 14d. Station 14a acts as the access point (AP) controller computer, and the other three stations are simply communicating transmitter/receiver computers which form part of this basic service set. AP 14a, in addition to being the controller computer in set 14, is also one of the several individual transmitter/receiver computer communicating stations in the set. All of these stations are designed to operate in accordance with certain rules, which rules are set forth generally in a descriptive section hereinbelow. With respect to these rules, all of the station-specific rules of operation which apply to the other stations in set 14 also apply to station 14a. It is station 14a, however, which is responsible for transmitting the beacons in accordance with the present invention, as is set forth in description below, and AP 14a